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1. OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUES RECEIVED A MESSAGE THIS MORNING INDICATING THAT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE IMF AND THE JAMAICANS IN WASHINGTON ARE MAKING "GOOD PROGRESS." THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON SUGGESTS THAT AN AGREEMENT MAY BE IN THE EARLY OFFING, AND THAT THE TEAM OF FINANCE MINISTER COORE, STATE MINISTER FOR PLANNING FLETCHER, AND BANK OF JAMAICA GOVERNOR BROWN COULD BE RETURNING THIS EVENING. NO DETAILQ ARE YET AVAILABLE BUT BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON OPINES THAT AN AGREEMENT WILL PERMIT TWO TRANCHES AND LAY GROUND WORK FOR THE THIRD TRANCHE NEXT YEAR DEPENDING ON JAMAICA'S PERFORMANCE.

2. EARLIER REPORTING AVAILABLE TO OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUES HERE HAS SUGGESTED SOME FLEXIBILITY ON THE PART OF IMF WHICH HAS TO DO WITH GRADUALLY PHASING OUT OF TWO-TIER EXCHANGE RATE SYSTEM AND VIGOROUS EFFORTS TO REDUCE BUDGETARY DEFICIT, WITH SPECIAL EYE ON OVERCOMING BOJ FINANCING. CONFIDENTIAL

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